

March 7, 2016

RE: In support of RSB 354

Members of the Public Health Committee,

My name is Jimnahs Miller and I am a concerned citizen from Waterbury, CT.

I am writing you to ask for your support of Raised Senate Bill 354, a bill that will create a music therapy license in Connecticut. This bill is important because it will allow Connecticut citizens to more easily access music therapy services, and it will protect the public by ensuring that these services are provided by trained and qualified practitioners.

Please note that my support of licensure for music therapy is dependent on some language changes which have been submitted as written testimony by Jennifer Sokira on behalf of the CT Task Force. These changes ensure that the license is reflective of current board certification requirements in music therapy and is not limiting to the practices of Board Certified Music Therapists currently in CT.

My six-year-old son has been diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder and music therapy has greatly benefitted him in socialization and cognitive reasoning. It also serves to soothe and calm him so he can focus on other tasks and learn new life skills.

For these reasons, I ask that you please vote "yes" on Raised Senate Bill 354!

Sincerely,

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